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Subject: Assessment of Groundwater Contamination: Inventory of Sites 1982
Ford Motor Company Allen Park Clay Mine

Dear Mr. Hogarth:

The subject publication includes the Ford Motor Company Allen Park Clay Mine in the listing of suspected groundwater pollution locations. Since the purpose of the publication is to present current information, the following update should be reviewed in order to accurately reassess the inclusion of the Allen Park Clay Mine site in future inventory listings.

A major environmental improvement project, designed to seal off the landfill from the surrounding surface waters was initiated in 1980 and completed in 1982. Specifically, the following actions were taken:

- 1) A surface water drain system was constructed around the site perimeter to facilitate control of site run-on and run-off. (Allen and Tyre Drains re-routed)
- 2) A perimeter and interior clay dike system was installed to contain leachate migration and help control run-on and run-off.
- 3) The existing landfill slopes were capped with clay and tied into the perimeter dike. Associated drainage structures were installed to maintain the integrity of the capped slopes.

Test data, construction details and correspondence relating to this project are available for review at the Wayne County Health Department.

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Current operational practice has provided appropriate final and intermediate cover to protect surface waters from contamination.

Based on these developments, we request that the Ford Motor Company Allen Park Clay Mine site be deleted from future inventory listings. A confirmation of your intended action in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,


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cc: Mr. Robert Ratz, Wayne County
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